

St. Paul Church

485 Alling St., Kensington, CT 06037

Sacred Heart Church

48 Cottage St., E. Berlin, CT 06023

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:00am

Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00pm

All Masses are at St. Paul Church and are live streamed.
There are no regular Masses at Sacred Heart Church.

CONFESSION

Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Baptism Instruction: 3rd Wednesday of the month

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St. Paul Catholic Parish

A Franciscan Family of Faith

St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037

Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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*"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE,
where EVERYONE is WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN."*

-Pope Francis

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Vivian Smarowski** by sister Irene and family
 †**Robert C. Rosol** Birthday Remembrance by Rosol family
 Doug by a friend
 †**Barbara Ayotte** In Memory Of by family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Carol Stankevich** by husband Bernard

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Those who have made the offering for the intention for each Mass are invited to present the bread and wine during the Offertory for that Mass. To do so, please arrive at least ten minutes before the start time of the Mass, go to the sacristy and let the sacristan know you would like to bring up the gifts. If no one comes forward by that time, others will be invited to present the gifts.

HOSPITAL VISITS Our friars will be happy to visit you or your loved one in the hospital if you kindly send a request. Email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org or call 860-828-0331.

<u>Parish Collection</u> Aug. 4-10, 2026	In Church	\$	9,605
	Office	\$	605
	Online Giving	\$	6,643
	Total	\$	16,853

<u>Parish Collection</u> July 28-Aug. 3, 2026	In Church	\$	10,040
	Office	\$	685
	Online Giving	\$	5,515
	Total	\$	16,240

Upcoming Second Collections:

August 23 - Franciscan Seminarians

ONLINE GIVING Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Paul Parish. For information about online giving, scan the code or visit:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stpaulkensington/giving/funds>



SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of



Saturday, August 15, 2026 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 4:00 pm **God's Blessing for Sister Jadwiga Chlus**
 by family

Sunday, August 16, 2026 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 10:00 am †**Kaye Bisailon** by Michaud family
 12:00 pm †**Deceased Members of the Noworyta Family**
 by Tabaczynski family

Monday, August 17, 2026 Weekday
 7:00 am †**Lucille, †Rose and †Vincent Micacci**
 by Anthony Micacci

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 Weekday
 5:00 pm †**Carol Stankevich** by husband Bernard
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 St. John Eudes
 7:00 am †**Chuck Pagano, Sr.** Birthday Remembrance
 by Cheryl

Thursday, August 20, 2026 St. Bernard
 5:00 pm †**Frederick Litaker** Birthday Remembrance
 by Laurie Pulito
 †**Lee Fumiatti** 20 Year Remembrance by family
 †**Eugenio Riccardi** by Emanuele Lombardo
 †**Ray Dorsey** by Teresa
 †**Kathleen Gacek** by Deb and Doug Sanders

Friday, August 21, 2026 St. Pius X
 7:00 am †**Stephen Sandwell** Birthday Remembrance
 by his son Bill

Saturday, August 22, 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm †**Joseph Staskiewicz** by family
Sunday, August 23, 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Douglas and Deborah Sanders**
 40th Wedding Anniversary by family

10:00 am **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 12:00 pm †**Deacon Carmen Guzzardi**
 5th Anniversary Remembrance by family

Mass will be celebrated for the intentions listed below by the Franciscan Friars Conventual at a time and location to be determined by the friars:

Monday, August 17, 2026

†**Souls in Purgatory** by Anna
 Living and †**Deceased Priests** by Anna

Saturday, August 22, 2026

†**Gail Parks** by Adamowicz family

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.



The **2026 Berlin Fair** will run from **Thursday, September 17 through Sunday, September 20.**

We need your help in our parish food booths!

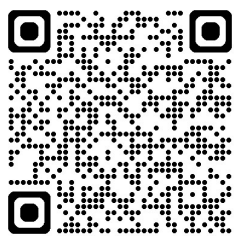
- o The Sacred Heart booth serves burgers, hot dogs, meatball grinders, sausage grinders, pasta, lobster bisque soup and more.
- o The Saint Paul booth menu includes chicken nuggets, grilled chicken salads and sandwiches, nachos with cheese and/or chili, and more.

The Fair is a wonderful parish and community event where your time and support is welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering please consider signing up for several needed time slots during the fair.

Sign up with friends and family members, and have fun serving the community together!

If you have questions regarding volunteering, please contact Helen deRito at 860.559.5695 (text or leave a message) or helenderito@gmail.com.



To sign up, visit our website, scan the code or click this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-64592530-berlin#/>

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, Sept. 14** at 7 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs). Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling the office at 860-828-0331 or by emailing us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

A Glance Ahead

Solemnity of the Assumption

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday, August 15

TMIY! Men's Group, 7am Saturday, August 15

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 16

Youth—Bible Story Adventures Week! Aug. 17-21

Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, August 18

FF Catechist Training Meetings Tuesday, August 18

Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, August 19

Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, August 20

Concert on the Green - *Downtown 6* Thurs., August 20

TMIY! Men's Group, 7am Saturday, August 22

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 23

Adult Confirmation Program begins Sunday, August 23

Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, August 25

Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, August 26

Scripture Study Information Meeting Tues., August 25

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 30

FF Confirmation Parent Meeting Sunday, August 30

FF Parent Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 1

NO TMIY Men's Group Meeting Saturday, Sept. 5

Ladies' Guild Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 2

FF Parent Meeting Thursday, Sept. 3

Children's Rosary, 10am SHC Saturday, Sept. 5

Labor Day (Parish Office Closed) Monday, Sept. 7

Women of Faith gathering Thursday, Sept. 10

Mother's Rosary, 2pm Monday, Sept. 14

New Members Registration, 7pm Monday, Sept. 14

Special Presentation at 7pm: :

Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Sept. 15

Berlin Fair! Sept. 17-20

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:
Juice/Juice Mixes, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Protein Drinks, Tuna/Canned Meats.

Volunteers will help with distribution on **Friday, Aug. 28** from **11:30 am to 12:15 pm** at Sacred Heart Church in E. Berlin.

For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, please call the Berlin Senior Center 860-828-7006. For info about Food Pantry or FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy: 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org

Additional request: St. Clare's Pantry uses large paper grocery bags to distribute food items, We welcome you to donate any large paper grocery bags that you no longer need. They can be dropped off at the collection carts at the church entrances. Thank you!

CONCERT THIS WEEK!

2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The final concert will be **Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 pm**
Join us on the Parish Green!

- o Featuring **Downtown 6**
Dynamic, energizing, versatile dance band to get a crowd on its feet!
- o Bring your own lawn chair/blanket
- o Free parking
- o Free face-painting and balloon animals
- o Free ice cream courtesy of Bright Feeds
- o *Sponsored by Manafort Brothers Incorporated and the Berlin Arts & Culture Committee.*
- o **Please bring a canned or non-perishable food item for our St. Clare Food Pantry***



Hosted by St. Paul Parish in collaboration with the Town of Berlin. Donations can be payable to St. Paul Parish.

*In lieu of bringing a canned good, if you would like to support our Food Pantry with a monetary donation, you may Venmo us at @St_Paul_Parish. Please enter "St. Clare Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Questions? Contact Bud Volz b.volz@stpaulkensington.org.

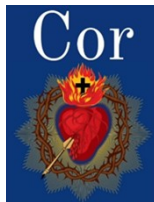
TMIY / COR MEN'S GROUP

Attention Men: Our Men's Group is starting a new session for the fall. **You are invited to join your Brothers in Christ** for these gatherings on **Saturday Mornings at 7am:**

A full schedule of events can be found on our website. (Look under Ministries or in the Parish News section.)



If you're looking to be a better husband or father, build friendships with like-minded men, be the best man you can be, or deepen your relationship with God, we invite you to join us!



Meetings begin at 7:00am. If you're up early, join us for coffee and breakfast at 6:30 as well.

To learn more, contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net.

Check out this video highlighting the upcoming session, *Apostles of the New Springtime*

<https://youtu.be/bHQMedpxHhQ?si=N3MrBH1R-1AVHCTt>

Note: There will be NO meeting on Saturday, September 5 (Labor Day weekend) or Saturday, September 19th (Berlin Fair!).



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: August 23, 2026

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082326.cfm>

Reading 1: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

*Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

Alleluia Matthew 16:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*You are Peter and upon this rock
I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



MISSION CO-OP:

Our Mission Co-Op Collection taken up in July was for the benefit of the Diocese of Parassala, located in southern India.

A representative from the Diocese, Rev. Sister Kanchana of the Sisters of the Imitation of Christ, invited us to consider supporting educational opportunities for the children in the region, particularly a program to train young girls in the nursing field. To see a recording of Sisters' talk, visit our website. (Scroll down to the Parish News section.)

To sponsor the formation of a student (partially or in full), call our office or contact the diocese directly:

Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius

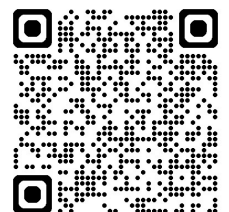
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Parassala
Catholic Bishop's House

Ayira P.O.

Parassala, Kerala, India 695502

Email: bishop@malankarachurch.org

Website: www.dioceseofparassala.org



Update from our Director of Youth Ministry, Suzy Gujda:

Bible Story Adventures starts on Monday August 17th.

All signed up attendees and helpers should have received an email this week about the schedule.



If anyone did not receive an email, please reach out to Suzy Gujda at s.gujda@stpaulkensington.org. Please note that the schedule of the Bible Stories each evening may change due to weather, however, an email update will be sent each morning if that is the case. We look forward to growing together in faith and fun!

VIPS at the Altar! Our young people have been answering the call to serve the Lord at His table. We currently have 42 altar servers. With this great blessing, comes the juggling of every family's schedule. Thank you to all of our families who commit themselves and their children to serving the Lord. It takes a village and we are grateful that you not only prioritize Mass in your family life, but you go the extra mile to have your children be present with Jesus in the front row.



Please be sure to check your emails and fill out the survey for Fall 2026 availability by August 22nd on the parish website. The new fall schedule will be going out August 28.

For our St. Paul Young Adults who are going off or returning to college in the coming weeks, we pray for a successful, safe, fruitful year ahead!



Remember to keep God as your main focus and live your faith no matter where you are. If you need anything at all, please remember we are here for you. Reach out to us if you need prayers, or a get together. We look forward to seeing you on the weekends as well as at our annual Young Adult Dinner in January. St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

May Christ our Lord help you to go forth with faith, and to approach all things with an adventurous spirit, a ready heart, and a willingness to follow where He leads. God Bless you.

COLLEGE PREP! Tips on how to live your faith at school. *Caution: There's some cringe in this article.*

The vibe on your college campus is likely to be, at best, indifferent to your Catholic faith. In some cases, the culture can be FR hostile.

If you are not prepared and intentional about practicing your faith, you're cooked. Those who wish to pull you away from God will be able to do so quite easily - and often very subtly, patiently and disguised as something good.

Before you leave the nest, we have a few suggestions for you. We hope these tips will help you navigate the challenges and difficult situations you'll face in college confidently and with complete trust in God, and we also hope that they will help you to share your faith with others.

Don't be mid. Simp for Jesus. Stay loyal to your faith fam. Take the W for God.

- **Bring a Bible!** Take time to read each morning, even if just a few minutes. If you don't have one, buy one before you leave for school. (Call us if you aren't sure which version to get.)
- **Bring Rosary Beads.** Again, if you don't have them, let us know and we'll get you some. Take time each day to pray even if just one decade. If you don't know how to pray the Rosary—do a simple search online.
- **Download a Prayer App.** Having a Catholic prayer app on your phone makes it easy to incorporate prayer into your daily life when you're on the go. We recommend apps like Laudate or Hallow.
- **Find a Catholic church or chapel on/near campus.** Go on a search, either in person or online, to find a chapel or church and make time in your schedule to get there.
- **Go. To. Mass.** Attend Mass and Confession as often as possible. (We have a Confession Guide on our website.)
- **Dorm Room Décor.** Pack sacramentals like holy water, a crucifix, prayer cards, rosary beads, or a scapular in your dorm room. (And it would be helpful to know how to explain them if a friend asks about them.)
- **Find your fam.** Find out if there is a Campus Ministry group, a student Bible study, a Newman Center, or FOCUS missionary, and engage with them!
- **Caution.** Be wary of friends who may lead you away from your faith, and make time for relationships that foster spiritual growth. Also be careful about your media! Consider whether certain shows, music, or social media are enriching your spirit or leading you to sin.
- **Be a Witness:** Live out your faith with joy. You might be the only Gospel someone reads!



BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION MEETING / REGISTRATION

Tuesday, August 25
7:00 pm

St. Paul Church Hall
All are welcome.

STUDY TITLE:
Angels in the Bible

Bible Study

Come to the water.



Join us on Aug. 25th to learn about and/or register for our upcoming Scripture Study which will begin in September. Our Scripture Study Ministry brings together parishioners in groups of eight to ten people to read, reflect on, and pray with the Scriptures so as to better discern the Word of God in our lives. The study groups are involved in two studies each year, one in the Spring (starting in Feb./March) and one in the Fall (starting in Sept.) Each study delves into either a book of the Bible or a Biblical theme and entails six to nine bi-weekly meetings that take place in the Parish Center or Sacred Heart Rectory.

We follow the curriculum of Little Rock Scripture Study (littlerockscripture.org). It is designed to have each person do a personal reading of the assigned chapters, reflect on it with some suggested questions, and then meet with your small group to pray and share those reflections. At the conclusion of each study Father Michael provides the entire group with a wrap-up summary lecture in the Church Hall.

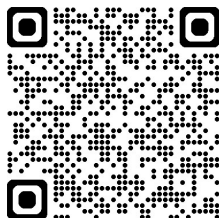
The readings at Mass take on a whole new perspective as we come to know the books' authors, their intended audience and the connections between the Old and New Testaments.

We completed our study of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans this past May and are looking forward to our Fall '26 Study on Angels in the Bible. **Angels in the Bible** is a thematic study of passages in the bible about angels who are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgment. In Angels in the Bible, we will examine some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives. Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. This study involves six lessons.

Questions? Please contact
Mark Chasse at 860-944-9293
or mchasse1@comcast.net.



More info on our website and here!



ST. PAUL LADIES' GUILD

Our *Welcome Back Reception and Membership Drive* will be held on [Wednesday, September 2nd](#) at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. We will have our first business meeting, and small sandwiches and desserts will be served.

We are pleased to announce that the guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Richard Branfield, Emeritus Professor of Geography at Central Connecticut State University.



Through a slideshow and discussion, Dr. Branfield will present "*Around the World in 80 Gardens*", the culmination of his career in tourism to the world's great gardens and floral kingdoms in the world.

This program kicks off what we hope will be a successful year for the Ladies' Guild as we encourage new members to join us. We hope our current members will consider inviting a friend to join them on September 2nd.

The Ladies' Guild continues to support the parish and school through its fund raising activities while providing interesting and fun evenings for its members that include time for fellowship and of course, delicious treats.

Consider coming as a one-time guest or as a new member to any of our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month. Food pantry donation for Sept. 2 is peanut butter and jelly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our St. Paul Social Action Ministry invites you to join us!

We are seeking parishioners who have the time and energy to help us throughout the year.

*Volunteers
Needed!*

Projects sponsored by the Social Action Ministry include

- * Christmas tree angels
- * Lenten Collection
- * HomeFront project
- * St Clare Food Pantry
- * Thanksgiving Food Collection
- * Easter Basket Collection
- * and several other collections throughout the year.

We have also just started a subcommittee that is dedicated to helping the homeless. With so many initiatives, we are in need of more people to join us in our efforts to help those less fortunate than us. Actively participating in these events and initiatives is extremely rewarding, and the people that we help are always very grateful!

Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. To sign up or to request more information, please contact Joan Baker at 860-638-8900 or jmb7000@comcast.net.

PRAYER REQUESTS To make a prayer request through our *Daughters of Jairus Prayer Line*, call Terry 860-828-6667 or Pat 860-305-0147 with your confidential request. Please give the first name of the person to be prayed for & the intention.

PARISH PRAYER LIST To *add* someone or let us know that a name can be *removed* from our Prayer List, please contact us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org or 860-828-0331. Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added. Names will remain on the list for one full month. After one month, we ask that you please renew your request. Thank you for helping us keep our Prayer List up to date.

Bobby Adamowicz	TJ Larkin
Nancy Adamowicz	Maria Lauria
Emile Albert	Richard Lee
Amara Alice	Sylvia Lococo
Elaine Andrews	Mary Jane Lynch
Lynn Cooley Bak	Lisa Mangiafico
Zulma Barbieri	Lorraine McCarthy
Wendy Blackmar	Nancy Motulko
Cheryl Brown	Lenny Mulrooney
Michael Vincent Bulawa	Ann Marie Musshorn
George Bushnell	Our Military
Marge Bushnell	Patricia O'Neill
Christopher C.	Esther Ouellette
Mark Camilleri	Emma Pagano
Janet Carroll	Judy Pappalardo
Pearl Casey	Steven Pavano
Jonathan Cheung	D. J. Pavasaris
Doug Clarke	Ada Payamis
Maureen Corr	Bill Petit, Sr.
Arlene Cotrona	Joan Pinney
Roger Coyle	Marilyn Puopolo
Linda Cullen	Nicky Ragozzino
Lenny Cullen	Barbara Rich
Jose Dagna	Christopher Roddy
Martin Dagna	Susana Romero
Marie DeFazio	Shirley Sansone
Fr. Tony DeFronzo	Oscar Seipel
Kathleen DeLisa	Raul Seipel
Dick Dubay	Chris Sloane
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Elizabeth Smulski
Josefina Fernandez	Claire Suzuka
Diana Fitzpatrick	Pat Swent
Maureen Freeman	Angelica Szczygla
Alyssa Glaser	Gabriel Szczygla
Donna Gray	Julia Szczygla
Zofia Grochot	Lucia Teodoro
Linda Hannold	Catherine Trombley
Carole Gable Hawrylik	Jeffrey V.
Evan Hill	Steve Varano
Joel Jakiel	Scott Veley
Peter Jurgilewicz	Taylor Wachtarz
Deborah Kasper	Lois White
Wendy Kenzior	Father Josh Wilbur
Adam Krzynowek	Grace Winch



WELCOMED IN BAPTISM

August Tre
Baptized Sunday, June 21, 2026
St. Paul Church

~ God Bless You All ~



JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY!

***Wednesday evening Rosary** at Sacred Heart Church.
6:00-6:30pm. **Next date: August 19.**

*We also pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
Prayer booklets provided. All are welcome!*

***13th of the Month Rosary** at 12pm in St. Paul Church
Next date: **Sunday, September 13.** (Church Hall)

***Children's Rosary** 10am at SHC. **1st Saturday of the Month.** Next: **Sept. 5.** Email: cherylbatter@att.net.

***Mother's Rosary** Mondays at 2:00 pm on the Parish Green
All are welcome! We will resume in **September on the 14th.**



HELPING HANDS Our Helping Hands Ministry assists our senior parishioners with social and spiritual support. To volunteer or request assistance, contact the office at 860-828-0331 or Mark Duplin at mfduplin@outlook.com.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our Women of Faith group will be on summer break, and we will resume meeting on Thursday, September 10th.



As we prepare to begin our sixth year together, we warmly welcome all women of the parish to join us this fall. Whether you are a returning member or considering attending for the first time, we invite you to be part of this faith filled community of prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth. *We look forward to welcoming you in September.* Should you have questions, please email us at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org

OCIA and ADULT CONFIRMATION If you are an adult who is interested in becoming Catholic OR who was baptized Catholic and received Holy Communion but have yet to be Confirmed, we currently have two programs in place to assist you.

- OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
- ACP – Adult Confirmation Program

For more information, please complete our online inquiry form. Use the link below or scan here. —→
<https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-ocia/>.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) provides individuals with the spiritual and intellectual formation and preparation that is necessary to join the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know...

- has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, or
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation

contact us to learn more about OCIA.

Our upcoming program will start on **Sunday, September 20**. Meetings will be held at 10:00 am in the Church Hall every Sunday from September 20th until Easter. (Easter falls on March 28, 2027.)

OCIA sessions offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Catholic Church and prepare individuals to enter full communion at Easter with the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. (There are separate sessions for children or youth) You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Raymond at 860-828-0332 or rraymond@stpaulkensington.org.

Our **ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (ACP)** is for adult Catholics who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation for various reasons and would like to be Confirmed.

Over the past several years, St. Paul Parish has held two ACP sessions per year, one in the spring and another in the fall, each lasting for six weeks. Sessions for our six-week Fall 2026 ACP will be held on the following Sundays:

- **August 23 and 30**
- **September 6 and 20**
- **October 4 and 18.**



Confirmation will take place in St. Joseph's Cathedral on October 27, 2026.

ACP is open to adult Catholics in the Archdiocese who are at least 18 years old, have been baptized and received First Holy Communion, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and if married, are in a valid Catholic marriage. (If married outside the Catholic Church and would like to have your marriage recognized in the Church, please contact one of the friars. The convalidation must be done prior to Confirmation.)

Meeting will be from 10 am–11 am. The specific location/meeting room will be determined based on the number of people who sign up to attend. The program will culminate with the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in Hartford on the evening of October 27. See links above to register. Questions can be directed to Todd Cusano at tcusano@att.net.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Save the date for a special presentation sponsored by our Culture of Life and Social Action Ministries:

Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention
Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm

In addition to providing an overview of human trafficking, this presentation by a member of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Human Trafficking Task Force will include a prevention framework for engaging parishioners in anti-trafficking work. You will learn about the important elements of prevention and the actions parishes, ministries and individuals can take to prevent trafficking in their communities.

ITALIAN NIGHT Save the date for our annual Italian Night!

Saturday, November 7th
Saint Paul School gym
Following 4:00 pm Mass

All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Youth Ministry of our parish.

If you would like to donate or if you are interested in helping out, please contact Lynn Misteri, (860) 913-5448 or Betty Lasker (860) 992-8390. **Donations for the event are currently begin accepted** and can be sent to the Parish Center or picked up by contacting either Lynn or Betty.

Blessing for Our Parish and School Community

Loving God, bless our parish and school community as we prepare for a new school year together.

Guide our students, teachers, families, and staff with wisdom, patience, and joy.

May our school be a place of faith, friendship, learning, and kindness.

Help us to support one another and to see the good in every person we meet.

May God bless our year ahead and keep us always united in faith and love. Amen.



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VOLUNTEER CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

Meet **Catherine Shatos**. She's been a substitute catechist for the past two years. This year, she will co-teach a fourth grade class. Catherine shares:

"For the past two years, I have been blessed to serve as a substitute catechist, and this year I have joyfully committed to stepping into the role as a full-time catechist. My family and I have been part of Saint Paul's Parish for over five years now—my husband and our two children have found a true sense of home, faith, and community within the parish.



This calling grew in a very personal way through my daughter, Claire, who is now eight years old. When she first began attending Faith Formation classes, I witnessed something truly special — her genuine excitement and curiosity as she learned about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Seeing her enthusiasm opened my heart in a new way. It reminded me of the profound importance of nurturing faith in our children and inspired me to deepen my own relationship with God.

I am now looking forward with that same joy and anticipation as my six-year-old son, Callahan, begins his own faith journey this September. To watch each of my children encounter Christ in their own unique way is both humbling and deeply meaningful, and it continues to strengthen my commitment to this path. What began as supporting my daughter quickly became a calling within me — a desire to be more present, more involved, and more faithful in serving our church community. Teaching these children has filled my heart with a renewed sense of purpose and love in Christ. There is something incredibly moving about watching the stories of Jesus come alive for them, sparking questions, wonder, and joy. To be even a small part of that journey is a beautiful gift, one that continues to strengthen my faith and guide me in service to others."

If you're feeling nudged by the Holy Spirit to join our team, contact Robin or Linda for more information.

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Robin Veronesi, Director of Faith Formation

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BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our St. Paul Culture of Life Ministry is conducting a clothing drive for the month of August, in conjunction with the Cathedral of St. Joseph's Food Pantry & Clothing Distribution Center of the Archdiocese of Hartford.



Items being collected are gently-used/laundered or **new business casual and professional clothing for women.**

The following items are needed, in any size:

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| ☐ Dress Slacks
(No Jeans) | ☐ Sweaters |
| ☐ Dresses | ☐ Blazers |
| ☐ Skirts | ☐ Shoes |
| ☐ Blouses | ☐ Purses |
| | ☐ Costume Jewelry |

Also needed are **NEW and UNOPENED** socks and undergarments for women. The donated items will be distributed to women who have been rescued from trafficking, to help them in the job interview process and in their new work lives.

Items can be dropped off in the labeled bins at the church entrances. The collection will run **through Monday, Aug. 31.** Questions? Please call Cheryl Pagano at 860-218-3177 or Lynn Misteri at 860-913-5448. THANK YOU!

CLOTHES FOR POOR

Parishioner Nancy Witz coordinates an ongoing collection of clothing for the poor in our area. There is a need for the following items for the men's shelter: *Men's T-Shirts Sizes S-L and Men's Jeans/Pants Sizes 28-40.* If you can make a donation, please contact Nancy Witz at 860-604-2134. The clothes are donated to the homeless and poor on a regular basis.



A note from Nancy Witz: I have been very grateful for the overwhelming response for men's clothing and thank everyone for their continued support. I have personally been distributing them to street people in New Britain. If you have clothing items to donate and wish to leave them in the church, please be sure they are labeled with my name on the bags. Many thanks for your support.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist invite you to attend a Thursday evening Holy Hour and Reflection this month.

→ SAINT MONICA HOLY HOUR

All are invited to a Holy Hour to prayerfully support the return of our loved ones to the Catholic Faith and the deepening of their relationship with our Lord.

August 27, 2026, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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